

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

Claims 1–3, 6–10 and 13–15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Tsai et al. (US 2004/0249868). Claims 3 and 10 have been canceled without prejudice, and the subject matter recited therein has been incorporated into Claims 1 and 9, respectively. Claims 16 and 17 have been added. Support for these new claims may be found, for example, within the Specification, at Page 11, lines 2–10 and within FIG. 2B, at Steps S9–S10. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully submits that pending Claims 1, 2, 6–9 and 13–17 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Claim 1 is directed to a method for controlling production and exportation and, as amended, recites, *inter alia*, “after receiving the manufactured products at the receiving trading branch, logging into the system for controlling production and exportation, retrieving the client order data from the original database according to system authorization provided for the receiving trading branch, and determining whether the manufactured products are complete according to the client order data.” Claim 9 is directed to a system for controlling production and exportation and, as amended, recites, *inter alia*, “after receiving the manufactured products from the exporting trading branch, the receiving trading branch logs into the system for controlling production and exportation, and the analyzing module is prompted to retrieve the client order data from the original database according to system authorization provided for the receiving trading branch, so as to allow the receiving trading branch to determine if the manufactured products are complete according to the client order data.” Applicant submits that Tsai fails to teach or suggest all of these features.

Tsai discloses a method for estimating exportation time in which a manufacturer integrates client order data with material requirements and stock records, uploads these data to a server for processing and then downloads the calculated schedule along with other data. Tsai teaches that manufacturer 1 interacts with trading server 2 and database server 3, using terminal device 10, to upload client order data 300, material requirement data 301 and stock record data 302, and to download manufacturer schedule data 310, order reply data 311, abnormal condition data 312 and material insufficiency data 313. Exportation time estimation

calculations are performed on trading server 2 and database server 3, although other alternatives are suggested. *See, e.g.,* Paragraphs 0005 and 0016 to 0023; FIGS. 1, 2.

Tsai fails to teach or suggest after receiving the manufactured products from the exporting trading branch, retrieving the client order data from the original database according to system authorization provided for the receiving trading branch and determining whether the manufactured products are complete according to the client order data, as recited by Claims 1 and 9. Instead, Tsai merely teaches that request input module 20 receives a request and then prompts control module 21 to generate a processing signal, corresponding to the request, in order to either upload or download data. *See, e.g.,* Paragraphs 0018 to 0021. Consequently, Tsai fail to teach or suggest all the features recited by Claims 1 and 9. Moreover, Applicants submit that none of the remaining references, taken either singly or in combination, teaches or suggests the aforementioned features.

Accordingly, Claims 1 and 9 are allowable over the cited references. Claims 2, 6–8 and 16, depending from Claim 1, and Claims 14–15 and 17, depending from Claim 9, are also allowable, at least for the reasons discussed above.

Furthermore, Tsai fails to teach or suggest if the manufactured products are not complete according to the retrieved client order data, the receiving trading branch informs the exportation trading branch to supplement materials according to the incomplete products, otherwise, the receiving trading branch delivers the manufactured products to the client, as recited by Claims 16 and 17. Accordingly, these claims are allowable over Tsai for this additional -- and independently sufficient -- reason.

Applicant respectfully requests that this application now be passed to issue, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Alternatively, Applicant requests that the Amendment be admitted in order to present the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal.

If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees and to credit any overpayments that may be required by this paper under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

Respectfully submitted,

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